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Memorandum for: Mr. Warner

Subject: Pending Items of Business.

1. H. R. 7390. This is the bill which provides certain procedures with respect to advisory committees, and which Mr. Houston feels might give us some problems if passed in its present form. The House passed this bill on 10 July 1957. It is now before a subcommittee of Senate Government Operations under the chairmanship of Hubert Humphrey. I have briefed Paul Howerton on the problem, and if the occasion presents itself, he is going to try to find out from Humphrey whether or not there is any intention of holding hearings or otherwise acting on this bill during this session. As far as we can tell thus far, the bill will probably not be acted on. Barbara will continue to keep in touch with the Committee on it. If we find out through any means that the bill is likely to move, we are faced with the problem of whether we should attempt to make any contact with the Committee or with Senator Humphrey on the substance of the bill.

My own feeling is that we should avoid, if possible, going on record to the effect that this bill would give us serious problems, for the obvious reason that if the bill passes after such an approach, we would be more or less stuck with the assumption that it applies to us. I believe Bob Amory feels that the problems in his area are manageable. We have a memorandum from TSS which indicates that the passage of this bill would give them considerable problems, and I think this is also true of the interested divisions, particularly OSI in the DD/I area. [ ] has collected some material on this latter point.

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In summary, I think we should avoid seeking any kind of an exception on this bill if at all possible. If as a legal matter it appears that we would have to seek some kind of an exemption, and if the bill shows unmistakable signs of moving (the latter of which is extremely doubtful), I would recommend an informal approach to Senator Humphrey, who is extremely friendly to us and sensitive to

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our security problems. We must bear in mind that the Administration is opposed to this bill, and if it starts to move we should consult immediately with Roger Jones on strategy.

2. Federal Pay Raise Bills. Charles Johnson, of the staff of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, assured me that Cong. Rees has no intention of proposing any amendment to H. R. 2462, and that he was misquoted in the Washington Post article today. He was present when Rees made the statement which was misquoted, and all Rees said was that if this bill and the postal pay raise bill were passed, the ultimate result would be that other agencies not covered under either bill would be compelled to take action to raise the pay of their employees accordingly. The Civil Service Committee staff fully understand that CIA does not require any special legislation to put into effect pay raises for its own employees. After getting this information, Col. White and I concluded that there was no reason to get in touch with Mr. Rees.

3. H. R. 8381. This is the omnibus Internal Revenue bill which contains a provision which would require the opening to public inspection of applications by organizations for exemption from income taxation under 501(a) of the Code. Dick Lansdale's Internal Revenue contact has told him that this bill will definitely not be passed this Session. Dick is preparing an analysis of the implications of this amendment which will be forwarded to us. Although there doesn't appear to be any immediate problem, this kind of amendment is bound to catch up with us sooner or later, and should be given considerable study before the next Session.

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